

lic works be authorized to obtain from any officer or officers of the city of Baltimore such information as to the affairs thereof as they may deem expedient.

On motion of Mr. Wethered, it was

Ordered, That the sergeant-at-arms be requested to provide seats for such officers of the French frigate Jean Bart as may visit the Convention.

Mr. Dent, from the committee on the Legislative Department, reported the following:

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Section 1. The Legislature shall consist of two distinct branches, a Senate and a House of Delegates, which shall be styled the General Assembly of Maryland.

Sec. 2. The members of the House of Delegates shall be elected by the qualified voters of the counties and the legislative districts of Baltimore city respectively, to serve for two years from the day of their election.

Sec. 3. The first election for Senators and Delegates shall take place on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, 1867; and the election for Delegates, and as nearly as practicable for one-half of the Senators, shall be held on the same day in every second year thereafter.

Sec. 4. Immediately after the Senate shall have convened after the first election under this constitution, the Senators shall be divided, by lot, into two classes, as nearly equal in numbers as may be. Senators of the first class shall go out of office at the expiration of two years, and Senators shall be elected on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, 1869, for the term of four years, to supply their places; so that after the first election one-half of the Senators may be chosen every second year. In case the number of Senators be hereafter increased, such classification of the additional Senators shall be made as to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number in each class.

Sec. 5. No person shall be eligible as a Senator or Delegate who, at the time of his election, is not a citizen of the State of Maryland, and who has not resided therein